

EXHIBIT 9

LEGAL STRATEGY



**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**August 22, 2012**

**Mr. Kirk Tostige  
16601 E. Course Drive  
Tampa, FL 33624-6706**

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal 12-101  
FOIA Case No. 2012-FPRO-00541**

**Dear Mr. Tostige:**

**This responds to your letter dated July 23, 2012, which was received by this office on July 26, 2012. In that letter, you appeal the response by the Postal Service of your request for records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552.**

**By letter dated February 29, 2010, you requested the following:**

**Copies of all e-mail messages with the name of Kirk Tostige, Tostige, or ET Tostige in the body of the message from the following sender or recipient:  
Conrad.d.johnson@usps.gov, steven.r.owensby@usps.gov, doug.diaz@usps.gov,  
Michael.e.kilcomons@usps.com during the time period of January 1, 2011 through June 29, 2011.**

**By letter dated July 16, 2012, the Records Office identified 556 pages of responsive documents of which 243 pages were released in their entirety and 313 pages were redacted pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 3, in conjunction with 39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(2).**

**In order to review completely the issues raised in your appeal and the large volume of records, we have determined that we need additional information from the appropriate records custodian. Therefore, pursuant to 39 CFR § 265.7(f)(a), and under the circumstances outlined in 39 CFR § 265.7(b)(5), we are extending the 20 working-day response period by an additional 10 working days. We thank you for your patience.**

**For the General Counsel,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris T. Klepac", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Christopher T. Klepac  
Chief Counsel  
Federal Requirements**

**cc: Ms. Eyre**